

RIDDLES TO SEEK HILL'S PLACE IN APPEALS COURT; JUDGE ROAN UNDECIDED

Recorder Broyles will be a candidate at the Democratic primaries for the unexpired term of Judge Ben H. Hill on the Court of Appeals He announced his intentions in an open letter made public Friday.

Judge L. S. Roan, appointed at the conclusion of the Frank trial, over which he presided, to fill the vacancy of the Appellate bench made by Judge Hill's appointment to the new Atlanta Circuit, said Friday that he had not made up his mind whether he would seek to retain his position to/in/of the Court of Appeals against the position of Recorder Broyles.

"I had made no definite plans for the future when I accepted the appointment to the Appellate bench," he to The Georgian. "I did not know whether I would ask to serve longer on this bench. I am still undecided. In fact, I had not given the matter much

thought before the candidacy of Recorder Broyles was announced, and it is unlikely that I will be prepared to make any announcement before the first of the new year."

Scramble for Recordership.

General report has been since Judge Roan's appointment to the Appellate such that he would be a candidate to/of/in the primaries for the remainder of Judge Hill's unexpired term. Judge Roan declared these reports were without any foundation in so far as they presumed a definite decision on his part.

Only second in interest to the hot ...ht that would develop between Recorder Broyles and Judge Roan, in the event that the latter decides to enter the lists, would be the scramble for the Recordership left vacant by Broyles.

"Seven already are in the race. They are William M. Smith, attorney for Jim Conley in the Frank case; John ... Smith, selected as the prosecutor in/to/at the criminal action against Mrs. Mary Belle Crawford, accused of the poisoning of her aged Husband, Joshua Crawford; Thomas H. Goodwin, ex-councilman from the Third Ward; Carl Guess, also an ex-Councilman; George E. Johnson, member of the Police Commission; Watt P. Kelly, an Atlanta attorney, and Judge W. H. Preston, Recorder Pro Tem, twelve years and clerk of the Police Court ... years.

Because of the number of candidates, it is probable that this contest will be as spectacular as that for the Appellate Court position. Preston has had the advantage of a great deal of experience in the Police Court. William M. Smith, previously has been a candidate for the office, running at the time Recorder Broyles was opposing Judge J. R. Pottle for a place on the Court of Appeals. The Broyles-Pottle contest resulted in a tie. Broyles withdrew at the State convention, that the nomination of Pottle might be unanimous.

Broyles Recorder 15 years.

Broyles has been Recorder fifteen years. In this time, he has attracted Statewide attention through the vigorous aid he has given Chief Beavers in the vice crusades that have swept Atlanta and the part he has taken in other civic reforms.

Judge Roan, who resigned his position as judge of the Stone Mountain Circuit to take the appointment to the Appellate bench, has presided at many of Georgia's famous criminal trials, closing his career in the lower courts with the Frank trial.

Recorder Broyles said in the announcement of his candidacy:

To My Fellow Citizens of Georgia:

I have lately had so many inquiries from friends in different parts of the State about my candidacy for the Court of Appeals that I think it due them that, without further delay, I should publicly declare my intentions.

I shall positively be a candidate in the Democratic primary next summer for a place on the Court of Appeals. Under the rules of the primary, I will have to designate and run for one particular judgeship. In the last primary, in 912, when I opposed Judge Pottle, the strongest argument used against my candidacy was that Atlanta already had one of the three judgeships, and was, therefore, not entitled to another.

Despite this heavy handicap, I tied with Judge Pottle, but, in the State convention, I withdrew my name and allowed the South Georgia candidate to have a unanimous nomination. I do not propose to run again with this same handicap, and, therefore, I shall be a candidate for the unexpired term of Judge Ben H Hill, of Atlanta. This position is now held by Judge L. S. Roan, also of Atlanta who was appointed temporarily to the place until the voters of Georgia could elect Judge Hill's successor. I do not intend to begin my campaign for several months yet, but make this announcement now in response to the inquiries of my friends in Atlanta.
